

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Stephen E. Reiter on 06/16/09.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1, line 3, the phrase "comprising" has been amended to "consisting essentially of".

Claim 1, line 4, after the phrase "primary acrylate monomer", the phrase "wherein said primary acrylate monomer is either 2-ethylhexyl acrylate or butyl acrylate," has been inserted.

Claim 4, line 1, the word "acrylate" has been amended to "monomer containing non-acidic hydroxyl moieties".

The dependencies of claims 4 and 5 have been amended to depend in claim 1.

Claim 5, line 1, the word "methacrylate" has been amended to "monomer containing non-acidic hydroxyl moieties".

Claim 10, line 1, the word "comprising" has been amended to "having".

Claims 23-25, line 1, after the phrase "wherein the", the word "acrylic" has been inserted.

Claim 28, line 1, after the phrase "at an", the word "acrylic" has been inserted.

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Claim 28, line 2, after the phrase “granisetron, the”, the word “acrylic” has been inserted.

Claim 29, line 1, after the phrase “wherein the”, the word “acrylic” has been inserted.

Claim 30, lines 1-2, the phrase “a condition” has been amended to “any form of nausea or emesis”.

Claims 2, 3, 8, 22 and 32 have been cancelled.

The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior arts, Effing et al. and Seo et al., teach a transdermal patch comprises the claimed active agent, granisetron. Effing et al. or Seo et al., however, do not teach the claimed transdermal patch that consisting of an acrylic adhesive layer that consisting of granisetron, and two monomers, the non-acidic hydroxyl moieties monomer, and the 2-ethylhexyl acrylate or butyl acrylate. The use of the transitional phrase “consisting of” to preclude all other monomers and/or polymers in the acrylic adhesive layer taught in the cited prior arts. The present specification shows that the acrylic adhesive layer exhibits an unchanged granisetron content, as well as no crystallization of the granisetron when stored at 25°C for six weeks.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Woodward can be reached on (571) 272-8373. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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